

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Mr. Alexander Graham Bell. (Dec. 1875?) My dear Alec:

I am not sure if I shall have a chance to speak to you tonight, so I must write.

Don't you ever again think such thoughts as you expressed in your letter today. You are entirely mistaken if you think I love you less, am disappointed or displeased with you. So far from it, my love for, and pride in you grows from day to day, and the more I think about it, the more I rejoice to think such a treasure as your love has been given to me, all unworthy as I am. My darling I love you very much and with the exception of a few little things that are mostly of the outside, I would not have you changed from what you are now. I warned you before we were engaged that though I might love very much I could not do so in the passionate hot way you did. And you took me in spite of all. I love you all I can, and my power of loving seems to increase daily, you must be satisfied with this, I would give you more if I could but I cannot help my nature. My poor Alec it makes me feel so sorry to think you should have felt thus even for one moment, you must never do so again. You are all tired out that is the trouble. I wish I could do something to really help you, it is dreadful to have to stand by and see you so tired and worn out, and not be able to do anything to help it.

It is a blessed thought that I have in any degree been the means of bringing you and your dear father so near together. May you ever continue so.

Now I must hurry and get dressed for this evening.

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Be sure always of the love of Your, Mabel.